REVISION OF ROYALTY RATES OF MINERALS FOR STATES

3431. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BRAHMDEO ANAND PASWAN :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there will be automatic revision in the royalty rates for minerals including coal and petroleum crude eery four years;

(b) if so, what was the formula worked out for the State's share in the hike in the royalty rates by a group set up by the Cabinet; and

(c) by when that Group is likely to announce the rates ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

PRODUCTION OF MICA IN BIHAR

3432. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average annual production of mica in the mines in Bihar and what was the actual production during the last three years with year-wise details;

(b) the quality of the mica utilised in the State and the quantity despatched to other States in the country every year with details of the last three years;

(c) the amount of royalty paid to Bihar for mica during the last three years with year-wise details; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to increase the mica product on in the mines of Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) Average production of mica (Crude) on the basis ,of 3 years production comes to 1670 1 tonnes. The actual production for the last 3 years is gven below :—

Production of Mica in Bihar, 1990-91 *to* 1992-93

Year	Mica (Crude)	Wastes & Scraps
1990-91	1944	988
1991-92	1887	680
1992-93(P)	1176	550

P—Provisional, based on monthly returns.

(b) 'Thre is no control on trade and movement of mica, the quality of mica utilised by various units or the quantity despatched to other States are therefore not monitored.

(c) The amount of royalty paid to Bihar for mica during the last three years is as under :• —

Year	Royalty & Cess (in lakhs)
1990-91	11.55
1991-92	8.71
1992-93	7.83

(d) Mica industry in the country is facing problems largely due to recession, substiution of mica and its production and the deeper mines becoming operationally uneconomically viable.

Production of value added items like mica paper and mica based nsulated materials, identification of new export markets for Indian mica and its pro ducts, technological improvement and diversification by tht mica producing units can help increase its demand and production.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY PUNJAB ASSEMBLY FOR REVIVAL LEGISLA- TIVE COUNCIL

3433. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA : Will the Minster of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that Punjab Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution unanimously for the revival of Legislative Council in Punjab; and

(b) if so, by when the Central Government is bringing the necessary legisla-<ion to enact the law for revival of Punjab Legislative Council Y

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) and (b) A Resolut on for he creation of Punjab Legislative Council under Article 169 of the Constitu ion of India was passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha at its meeting held on 7th April, 1993. The Resolut on was passed by majority of total membership i and by the majority of more than 2|3 of the Members of the Assembly present , at that time and voted. This Resolution passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha has j been received by Ministry of Home Affairs who are se zed of the matter.

TOTAL INVESTMENT IN SAIL

3434. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Wll the Minister of STEIJL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that total investment in SAIL as on 31st March, 1993 is about Rs. 9200 crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that s nee 1986'87 SAIL's capital outlay on Modernisation and other schemes amounted to about Rs. 8100 crore;

(c) whether the capital investment in respect of subsidiaries of SAIL during the perod 1988-89 to 1992-93 amounted to over Rs. 390 crore; and

(d) if so, what is the amount of total investment of SAIL as on 31st March, 't993 ?